

Need another word that means the same as “nemesis”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “nemesis” in this overview.

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Nemesis as a Noun

Definitions of "Nemesis" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “nemesis” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *(Greek mythology) the goddess of divine retribution and vengeance.*
- *A long-standing rival; an arch-enemy.*
- *Retributive justice.*
- *A downfall caused by an inescapable agent.*
- *Something causing misery or death.*
- *The inescapable agent of someone's or something's downfall.*
- *The goddess of divine retribution and vengeance.*



Synonyms of "Nemesis" as a noun (12 Words)

[bane](#)

A cause of great distress or annoyance.
*The **bane** of my life.*

curse

A cause of harm or misery.
*Impatience is the **curse** of our day and age.*

[destruction](#)

The action or process of killing or being killed.
*The **destruction** of the rainforest.*

[downfall](#)

A loss of power, prosperity, or status.
*The wind was whipping up the **downfall** into deep drifts on the moor.*

punishment

A penalty inflicted as retribution for an offence.
*Crime demands just **punishment**.*

retribution	Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act. <i>Divine retribution.</i>
ruin	Destruction achieved by causing something to be wrecked or ruined. <i>They don't know how to say no and that's been their ruin.</i>
ruination	Destruction achieved by causing something to be wrecked or ruined. <i>Commercial malpractice causes the ruination of thousands of people.</i>
scourge	Something causing misery or death. <i>The scourge of mass unemployment.</i>
undoing	A person's ruin or downfall. <i>That complacency was to be their undoing.</i>
<u>vengeance</u>	The act of taking revenge (harming someone in retaliation for something harmful that they have done) especially in the next life. <i>He swore vengeance on the man who betrayed him.</i>
waterloo	A final crushing defeat. <i>He met his waterloo.</i>



Usage Examples of "Nemesis" as a noun

- *Will Harry Potter finally defeat his nemesis, Voldemort?*
- *One risks nemesis by uttering such words.*
- *Nemesis is notoriously slow.*
- *Injury, consistently his nemesis, struck him down during the match.*



Associations of "Nemesis" (30 Words)

- adversary** One's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute.
*The confrontations of **adversary** politics.*
- antagonist** A muscle that relaxes while another contracts.
*When bending the elbow the triceps are the **antagonist**.*
- antithetical** Connected with, containing, or using the rhetorical device of antithesis.
*When praising the government Pyrocles invokes the familiar oxymoronic and **antithetical** mode.*
- bane** A cause of great distress or annoyance.
*The telephone was the **bane** of my life.*
- blooming** Informal intensifiers.
*I didn't learn a **blooming** thing.*

challenger	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>The bold challenger of campus orthodoxy.</i>
compete	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others. <i>No one can compete with his physical prowess.</i> The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others.
competition	<i>Competition with ungulates or condylarths appears to have been the undoing of marsupials in North America.</i>
competitor	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>Two competitors were banned for taking drugs.</i>
contend	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others. <i>She had to contend with his uncertain temper.</i>
contender	A person or group competing with others to achieve something. <i>A presidential contender.</i>
contestant	A person who takes part in a contest or competition. <i>An anxious contestant on a television quiz show.</i>
counterpart	A duplicate copy. <i>The minister held talks with his French counterpart.</i>
crossfire	Gunfire from two or more directions passing through the same area. <i>A photographer was killed in crossfire.</i>
emasculate	Deprive of strength or vigor. <i>The refusal to allow them to testify effectively emasculated the committee.</i>
enemy	A personal enemy. <i>The enemy attacked at dawn.</i>
foe	An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force). <i>They had been political foes for years.</i>
knead	Make bread or pottery by kneading flour or clay. <i>She kneaded his back.</i>
objector	A person who expresses opposition to or disagreement with something. <i>Objectors to the housing plans.</i>
opponent	Characterized by active hostility. <i>An opponent of the economic reforms.</i>
oppose	Set into opposition or rivalry. <i>The senator said he would oppose the bill.</i>
opposing	(of two or more subjects) differing from or in conflict with each other. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>

outshine	Shine brighter than. <i>What star outshines the sun.</i>
outwit	Deceive by greater ingenuity. <i>Ray had outwitted many an opponent.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>She has no rivals as a female rock singer.</i>
scourge	Cause great suffering to. <i>Our people did scourge him severely.</i>
terror	Terrorism. <i>Weapons of terror.</i>
threat	A statement of an intention to inflict pain, injury, damage, or other hostile action on someone in retribution for something done or not done. <i>Hurricane damage poses a major threat to many coastal communities.</i>
unseat	Dislodge from one's seat, as from a horse. <i>Rawhide unseated Kevin Bradley at the first fence.</i>
vie	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>

